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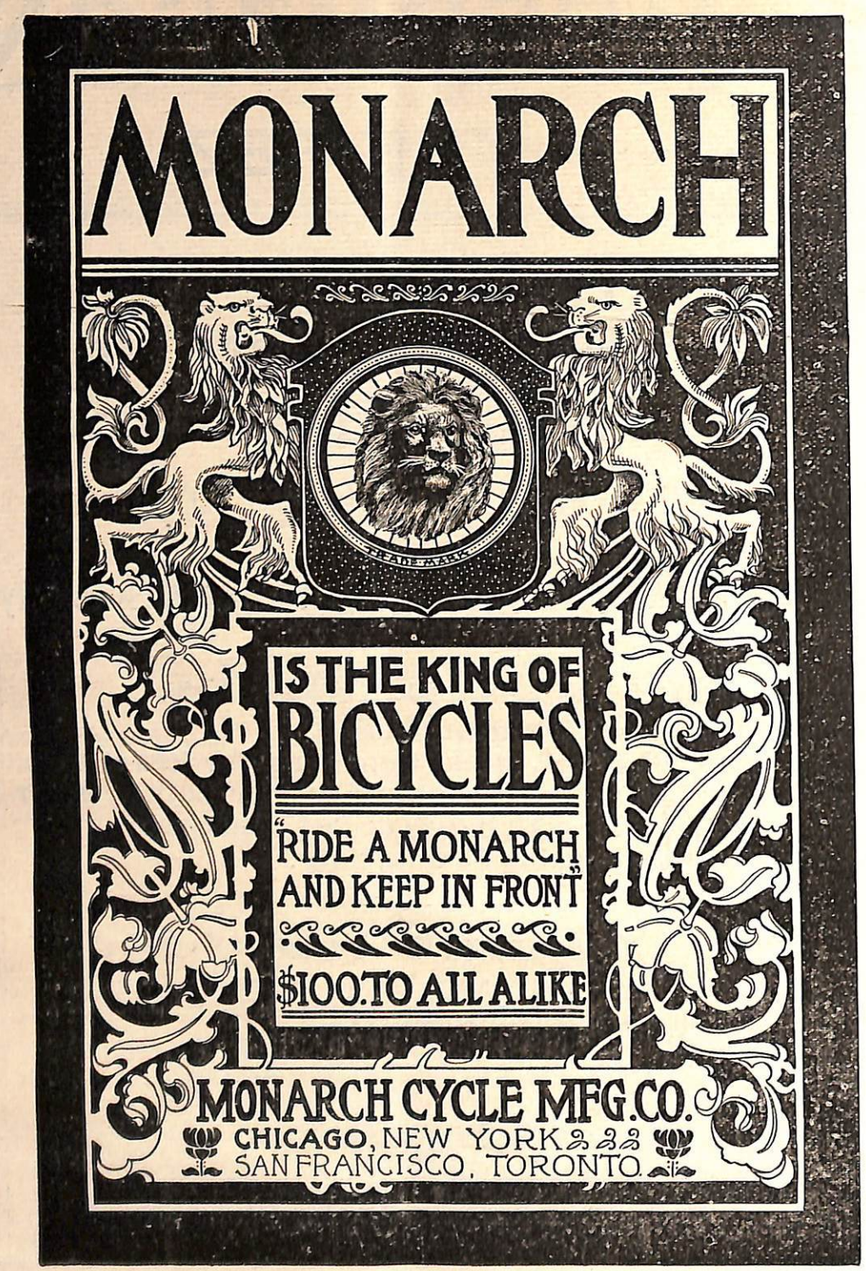

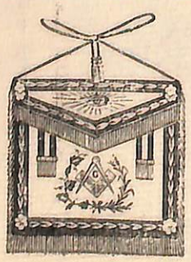

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R. M. J COLEMAN, 32°.
REGISTRAR OF SCOTTISH RITE BODIES OF DES MOINES, IOWA.

RICH'D. M. JOHNSON COLEMAN, 32°,

Was born February 6th, 1848, in Reading, Pennsylvania. He is by profession a contractor. His Masonic career began in Center Lodge No. 23, at Indianapolis, Indiana, initiated February 9, 1874; passed March 16 following, and raised January 15, 1875. He was exalted in 1886; took the Council degrees and the orders of the temple in the same year. He is a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason, made by B. R. Sherman 33° in 1891. His relation with the bodies of Iowa has been intimate and active as the following shows: He affiliated with Home Lodge No. 370 A. F. & A. M., in 1885; he was elected Secretary in April, 1886, and continuously since. He is a charter member of Antioch Chapter 110 R. A. M., organized in 1886, and its first and only Secretary. He was elected Recorder of Temple Commandery June 9, 1893, and now holds that position. He was elected Registrar of the Scottish Rite bodies of this valley, Dec. 27, 1895. Our illustrious brother of the generation of Scribes is a charter member of Des Moines Chapter 89, O. E. S., was a member of Co. K., 113, O. V. I., and is a member of Kinsman Post No. 7, G. A. R., of Des Moines Lodge No 68, K. P. A state Councillor A. U. O. M., of Iowa, and for the past three years Secretary of the East Side School Board. Last but not sedatest, he is a Noble of the Mystic Shrine of the tribe of El-Kahir. This fellow townsman of our old eastern home, we have known for the past thirteen years, and we voice nothing but the truth when we say that he is a true Mason, a gentlemanly man, and one who deserves the confidence placed in and the honors conferred upon him.

RESOLUTIONS.

PASSED BY THE BAR OF SIOUX FALLS ON THE DEATH OF FRANK L. BOYCE, OF BOYCE BROS., ATTORNEYS.

Pursuant to call the bar met at the circuit court chamber this morning and passed the following resolutions on the death of Honorable Frank L. Boyce:

WHEREAS, We have learned with great sorrow and regret of the death of Hon. Frank L. Boyce, late a member of the bar of Minnehaha county, therefore be it

Resolved by the court and members of the bar, that in his death we have lost from among our number an upright, honorable gentleman; a reliable, painstaking and conscientious attorney and counsellor; an earnest and able advocate; a useful and public spirited citizen, and a man and brother free from all guile, generous to a fault; affable and genial at all times; whole-souled, despising trickery and chicanery, and in every way worthy of the confidence and esteem of the court, the bar and the community at large. Be it further

Resolved, that his death has removed a noble son, a loving husband, a tender father and exemplary citizen in all the relations of life. Be it further

Resolved, that we extend to his family our sympathy and condolence in their bereavement; our earnest wish for their welfare and such comfort as may well come from the memory of his life and character. Be it further

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to the family of the deceased by the clerk of this court.

And your committee moves the court that these resolutions be spread upon the journal of said court.

C. L. BROCKWAY,
E. PARLIMAN,
D. R. BAILEY,
H. H. KEITH,
A. B. KITTREDGE.

Ordered spread on the journal of the circuit court, by the court.

Hon. Frank L. Boyce, died December 20, 1896, at 2 o'clock a. m., in Brooklyn, Wisconsin, aged 45 years.

The following lines were composed by request, by J. Martin, M. D., and are very appropriate and unique, depicting the appearance of a lawyer at the bar of the Higher Court:

IN SUPREME COURT.

Arrested by stern officer, I stand
Before "The Bar."
In "Chambers" sitteth court, who doth command
Me to appear.

The "brief" transcripted from the court below,
Where, cause I lost;
Now setteth forth and goeth on to show
I'm one of host—

Who, here I have appeared, 'ere roster call
Where case appears;
By o'er work fame's pinnacle to climb, I fall
Too soon by years.

What shall I do? I cannot here get bail,
Continuance;
Nor change of venue; nor can wealth avail,
Nor influence;

Nor waiver move, nolle, nor demurrer;
Nor case throw out.
To pleadings and defense, I can't refer;
Proceedings are mute.

Nor can I here a counsellor obtain;
My brother fails
To note exceptions, or advantage gain;
My courage quails!

In court below, mercy tempered justice,
Mercy dwells with flesh; with spirit justice
Unbiased quite.

Had I now mortal eye, here it were dimmed;
A past discovering light hath this court limned;
All drest in white.

Docket is ope'd. With my own consciousness
It doth agree; not one act more or less;
All is quite real.

As in the earthly court below, so now,
Myself defend; then to the verdict bow;
Here,—No Appeal!

Complaint's ne'er heard of rulings in this "Court"
Findings are fair; the judged make no retort
Adieu! to all.

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Brother! Thy fellow members of this bar,
Do now make oath,
Touching thy sterling qualities and fair;
Nor are they loath

Thee to defend in honor, manliness,
Integrity.
Nor may thy name above enshrined be less
Than in our City.

Hence we affirm thy noble worth and true
And here confess,
This judgment, which of heart, to thee is due,
And grief express.

SAM JONES A KNIGHT TEMPLAR.

NOTED EVANGELIST TAKES A PILGRIMAGE THROUGH THE MYSTERIES.

Rome, Ga., Dec. 30.—Rev. Sam P. Jones, the noted evangelist, received the Red Cross, Knight Templar and Knight of Malta degrees in Rome commandery last night. A wreck on the railroad below Cartersville prevented Mr. Jones reaching here on time and a special train was dispatched to bring him, arriving here at 8 o'clock. W. H. Fleming, congressman from the tenth (Tom Watson's) district and grand commander of Georgia, and Grand Generalissimo W. A. Walton, both officers of the grand commandery within the state, were present with a large number of eminent knights from different parts of the state. A banquet was given, followed by toasts and responses. Mr. Jones made one of the most eloquent speeches ever heard inside of a temple in Georgia.

Grand Recorder and Grand Secretary Alf. Wingate, has out his directory of Commanderies and Chapters for 1897.

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In days of old the knights, though bold,
To battle went in armor clad.
To-day they might go out to fight
Attired in their button fad.

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This is the way the organist of Temple Lodge puts it: "It was a long time I look for you and don't found you, aber; now I've got you, and look oud.—*Orient,* Kansas City.

The writer once knew a brother of the same nationality who rendered it: "You can't stuff dat vid me. Give me somedinks vat I hafn't got."—*Kansas Freemason.*

Up here in Iowa it was "galang wid yez now, what er yez givin' me. I say give me the ——— or oi'll pulverize ye."

Past Grand Master Washburn, of Arkansas, opposed the proposition of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, that it is the duty of each lodge to take care of their own members in distress wherever they may be, and in case of the Lodge's inability, the Grand Lodge from which it holds charter must assume charge; but in no case to exceed actual necessities.—*The Constellation.*

The *Arkansaw Traveler* is in error, Brother Rickart, as the Grand Lodge of Iowa has no such "proposition" as is stated in your January number, (quoted above), on its hands, and is hardly likely to have till it is better ventilated than it was at our last Grand Lodge. Iowa, is all right, and our Masonic heart is in the right place too. One special case was treated something like the above, but it "was done voluntarily by the lodge, and not under any compulsion of law."

Joppa Commandery K. T., Charles City, Iowa, gave a charity ball Feb. 11, 1897. We acknowledge the courtesy of an invitation and regret our absence.

For the third time within the last few years the Grand Lodge has elected a Republican for Grand Master. This shows that, while the members are nearly all Democrats, there is no political prejudice among them. Not only is the Grand Master a republican, but the Grand Junior Warden and the Grand Treasurer. Peace and harmony prevail in Arkansas. Amen.—*Masonic Trowel.*

This reminds us of the story of Mrs. Bedot, 'afore she was a widow, saying to her husband, "I pant for liberty—I pant to be free." He calmly said to her, "Cilly, why say anything about pants, at all?" We have just as good men in our Masonic Brotherhood in one party as another and it would be a burning shame to even hint at the political differences of any of us in a lodge, subordinate or grand. There are some mighty good Masons from Iowa down in Arkansaw.

IOWA MASONIC LIBRARY.

Applications to this Library for information on various topics, that are largely to be found in the periodical literature of the day, have been so frequent that the Librarian has deemed it best to issue this little circular of information to the public.

The Library contains complete sets of Poole's Index to Periodical Literature; Annual Literary Index; English and American Catalogues and the American Catalogues of Books Published, as well as several hundred volumes of reference which have been presented to the Library of the Grand Lodge, the use of which are free to the public for consultation at all hours of the day.

The citizens of our city and state have appreciated this valuable collection and are constantly making good use of it. It is to be hoped that others may become interested in the collection and provide means for its extension and usefulness.

That seekers after light may know what general periodicals are received at the library, a partial list amounting to about 800 volumes of general periodicals are in the Masonic Library.

In addition to those named the Library receives regularly about one hundred others, largely of a Masonic nature; the object of the Librarian being to secure perfect sets of all Masonic Magazines and Periodicals published both at home and abroad, as al-

so to secure for the library everything bearing the mark of the Craft upon it.

The Library building will be open each Wednesday evening for a time, provided the citizens show their appreciation of this favor by a fair attendance. An attendant will be present to aid parties in looking up subjects of interest to those desiring to consult the collection.

The public are cordially invited to visit the Library on Wednesday evenings and spend an hour or two among the books and curios.

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OUR BOOK TABLE.

CITY DIRECTORY, of Cedar Rapids, Marion and Kenwood. The *Gazette* Company, of this city, has presented this valuable volume of nearly 400 pages to their subscribers and it is a marvel of usefulness, neatness and interest. Our friend, Fred Faulkes, if he ever sleeps, does it with one eye open to both business and community interests. Like the *Gazette* it is "a leetle ahead of all competition" in its line.

PROCEEDINGS—Grand Chapter O. E. S. Connecticut, 1896.

VETERANS' ASSOCIATION of Illinois; General John Corson Smith, the venerable chief, puts us under renewed obligations for this Eleventh Annual Report of that splendid Association of which he is the head and the inspiration. Aside from its common value comes "In Bonnie Scotland" to make one wish himself 'mid the scenes of Bobbie Burns.

FLEURS DE JERUSALEM.

From our venerable Masonic brother and traveler, Gen. Jno. C. Smith, we have received a souvenir of their trip around the world, which we shall prize very highly,—a neat card with pressed flowers from Jerusalem. "*Posees sur Le St. Sepulcre,*" a most suggestive accompaniment to his and the good dame's "Christmas and New Year's greetings."

We are in receipt of all the proceedings, of the Grand bodies of South Dakota, for which we thank Brother George A. Pettigrew, G. S.

CONCATENATED ORDER OF HOO HOO.

This is the name of a western organization. It was organized by the "supreme nine." The Snark of the Universe is William Eddy Barnes, of St. Louis, Mo. The other officers are designated Senior Hoo Hoo, Junior Hoo Hoo, Bojum, Scrivenoter, Bundersnatch, Custocatian, Arcanoper, Gurdon. There are 24 Vicegerent Snarks for as many states and territories. The Order was founded in 1891 by nine traveling lumbermen, detained at Kansas City on account of a railroad wreck, and has extended over the Union. Its declared object is the promotion of the "health, happiness, and long life of its members." The membership is limited to 9,999. The symbol of the Order is a black cat with its back and tail up, chosen because of its traditional nine lives. Brethren are known as kittens. Hoo Hoo day is the ninth day of the ninth month of the year. The annual meeting begins the ninth minute after nine o'clock p. m. on that day. The initiation fee is $9.99, and the annual dues ar 99 cents. There is a ritual, and aid is extended to distressed members and their families.—*Notes and Queries.*

ONE ON BROTHER SAM.

It is said that Sam. Jones was holding "revival" meetings in a town once where the "meanness" of the people surpassed his hardest "crackerisms" when he in holy wrath turned on the pastor and said: "Brother, if I had such people to preach to I'd get a big 'yaller' dog and turn him loose on them." Quick as a flash the pastor said "That's what I've done, Sam,—Sick 'em !"

Grand Master Melish announced to the Grand Lodge of Ohio the close of the litigation which the Grand Lodge has been engaged in on account of irregular organizations in the State. This question has been settled by the Supreme Court of the state, and forever disposes of such cases. It gives the Grand Lodge the right to enforce its regulations and prevents any rebellion against the Grand body by those who owe allegiance to the Grand Lodge. The effect of the decision is very widespreading and applies to all bodies as well as the Grand Lodge.—*The Tyler.*

THE LODGES.

The fraternity in Creston, contemplate erecting a building soon.

Star Lodge, of Madrid, has been having work this winter and is in good condition.

We note the statement of Brother W. H. Hart, of Sac City, that "the prospects for the coming year in Masonic circles are good."

From our venerable Grand Tyler, Father Schreiner, we received a Mt. Pleasant paper giving the particulars of a splendid Masonic banquet and social re-union, given January 21. What they do is well done.

Grand Secretary Parvin, of Iowa and the Masonic World, is visiting in the Republic of Mexico, where the prayers and good wishes of his many friends go with him. He has promised us an occasional letter, and when he writes, it is with vim and interest always.

The Masonic Lodges at Grundy Center are in good running order and have installed officers in the Orders for the year 1897, which are as follows:

EMERALD LODGE NO. 334 A. F. & A. M.

W. W. Taylor, W. M.; W H. Lillibridge, S. W.; John Cutts, J. W.; R. M. Finlayson, Treasurer; S. H. Knapp, Secretary; A. J. Metzgar, S. D.; D. M. Moser, J. D.; C. W. Reynolds, S. S.; Rolf Aye, J. S.; U. H. Eaton, Tyler.

METROPOLITAN LODGE NO. 49, A. F. A. M.

The officers elected for 1897 are: Jno. Kapp, W. M.; Chas. Walon, S. W.; Fred Robison, J. W.; Thos. Hardie, Secretary; W. P. Allen, Treasurer; Geo. I. Brown, S. D.; D. T. Howie, J. D.. E. A. Blocklinger, S. S.; Fred. Kamueller, J. S.; A. Nelson, Tyler,

They are having good meetings and getting a few candidates, and will have some work in the near future.

We thank Companion J. S. Coon, for the calendar and roster of the Watertown, N. Y., Lodges and R. A. Chapter. We notice the Roswell P. Flower was H. P. 1866-7-8.

GRAND CUSTODIAN'S LETTER.

We aim to keep standing the regular appointments of the Grand Custodian, Brother Geo. B. Van Saun, and we shall have his corrections each month.

ESTHERVILLE, Ia., Feb. 8, 1897.

Dear Brother Geiger:

I am very sorry to state that I have not received the January number of the FREEMASON AND THE FEZ, and as my memory is somewhat faulty, I may not keep in mind what I then wrote, and may perchance get things mixed somewhat. Surely I can say that I have had a busy time, having visited since Jan. 5th, Odebolt, Wall Lake, Alton, Paullina, Primghar, Grinnell, Dallas Center, Humeston, Clarinda, Orient, Red Oak and Farragut, and finally reaching my home Sunday mid-night.

Having other engagements on hand I was obliged to leave home for Estherville, at 10 o'clock a. m., this (Monday) morning, and expect to be at

Sibley—Feb. 10th and 11th.
Hartley—Feb. 12th and 13th.
Milford—Feb. 15th and 16th.
Spencer—Feb. 17th, 18th and 19th.

Then for home for a few hours rest. My routes for the future in addition to what is given above, are as follows:

Lone Tree—Feb. 24th and 25th.
Kalona—Feb. 26th and 27th.
Keota—March 1st and 2d.
Hedrick—March 3d
Iowa City—March 4th and 5th.
Manchester—March 8th and 9th.
Strawberry Point—March 10th and 11th.
Maynard—March 12th and 13th.
Elgin—March 15th and 16th.
New Hartford—March 19th and 20th.
Williams—March 23d and 24th.
Sheldon—March 25th, 26th and 27th.
Dunlap—March 29th and 30th.

Have on my list still unplaced, places as follows: Spring Hill, Lime Springs, Maxwell, Hampton, Traer, Moulton, Ottumwa, Fontanelle and Cresco.

To be somewhat fashionable with others who have caught colds and La Grippe, I have joined the somewhat innumerable caravan, and fear that I will not be able to hold out to the end, as I find the flesh is very weak; breath very short, and liable to fall by the way at any time. I am very anxious to close the year with a larger amount of work done than in any year heretofore.

With best wishes to you and the craft at large, I am

Fraternally yours,

GEO. B. VAN SAUN,
Visiting Custodian.

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PUBLIC INSTALLATION IN SAC CITY.

Tuesday evening, Dec. 29, 1896, the Masonic fraternity held a public installation of the officers of the different lodges in this city, when the following were duly installed into their respective offices:

OCCIDENTAL LODGE, NO. 178.

J. H. Stalford, installing officer; Phil. Schaller, Marshall; J. J. Harter, Worshipful Master; C. Brown, Senior Warden; C. F. Strohmeier, junior warden; M. Childs, Treasurer; F. E. Stouffer, Secretary; C. F. Drewry, Senior Deacon; C. H. Rowe, Junior Deacon; Geo. A. Heagy, Senior Steward; Geo. A. Miller, Junior Steward; A. J. Cress, Chaplain; C. Waddell, Tyler.

DARIUS CHATPER, NO, 58.

J. W. Wilson, Installing Officer; F. W. Loring, Marshall; J. H. Stalford, H. P.; H. H. Allison, King; Lamont Lee, Scribe; F. E. Briggs, C. H.; Edward Drewry, P. S.; F. E. Stouffer, R. A. C.; J. O. Olson, Treasurer; Geo. A. Heagy, Secretary; C. W. Marcy, Grand Master Third Vail; A. T. Brenton, Grand Master Second Vail; Orville Lee, Grand Master First Vail; C. Waddell, Guard.

ROSE CROIX COMMANDERY, NO. 38.

C. E. Lane, Installing Officer; W. H. Hart, Marshall; H. H. Allison, Eminent Commander; J. W. Wilson, Generalissimo; Lamont Lee, Captain General; F. W. Loring, Prelate; J. H. Stalford, Senior Warden; Wm. Jackson, Junior Warden; J. Y. Campfield, Treasurer; J. L. Comstock, Recorder; F. E. Briggs, Standard Bearer; Edward Drewry, Sword Bearer; J. J. Harter, Warder; C. Waddell, Sentinel.

SAC CITY CHAPTER, NO. 38, O. E. S.

F. E. Stouffer, Installing Officer; Mrs. S. E. Allen, Marshal; Jennie Wilson, Worthy Matron; W. H. Hart, Worthy Patron; Nellie P. Olson, Assistant Matron; Anna Hart, Conductor; Eily O. Hobbs, Assistant Conductor; Lillie Allison, Treasurer; Ottis Lee, Secretary; Alice Pratt, Adah; Mary Davis, Ruth; E. Goldsmith, Esther; Florence Marcy, Martha; Rose Heagy, Warder; C. Waddell, Sentinel.

The usual annual banquet prededed the installation services and a pleasurable time was had by all present.

THE ROYAL ARCH.

Van Rensselaer Lodge of Perfection, 14° Chicago, held their 41st annual communication, February 4, 1897.

We are indebted to Grand Secretary Charles Cary for the official list of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania for 1897.

Lebanon Chapter No. 11, Wintersett, gave their Masonic guests a treat in the form of "Young America," on Feb. 1st. From the laughter indulged in we take it that they had a good time. We had. The Companions are infusing young blood and keeping up the life here.

Ionic Chapter No. 100, R. A. M., of Grundy Center, Ia., elected the following officers:

E. H. Allison, M. E. H. P.; H. K. Swavely, E. K.; C. W. Reynolds, E. S.; S. R. Raymond, Treasurer; Fred J. Bourne, Secretary; Rolf Aye, C. of H.; G. N. Stark, P. S.; W. H. Lillibridge, R. A. C.; S. H. Knapp, G. M. of Third Vail; W. W. Taylor, G. M. of Second Vail; R. W. Sayre, G. M. of First Vail; U. H. Eaton, Sentinel.

Occidental Consistory No. 1, Omaha, installed their officers Feb. 2, 1897. Illustrious H. C. Akin, 33°, D. I. G. installing officer: H. H. Wilson, 32°, M. K.; L. P. Fankhouser, 32°; Prior Wettling, 32°, Preceptor; C. L. Talbot, 32°, Chancellor; Jno. M. Wilson, Minister of State; F. C. Tym, 32°, Almoner; L. G. Ware, 32°, Registrar; G. Anderson, 32°, Treasurer.

The Grand Master of Indian Territory is an Indian, a man of splendid presence, of upright life and high intelligence. 'Tis well.

THE SCOTTISH RITE.

The bodies of the Rite held conventions at Lyons and DesMoines, January 26-29, 1897.

Kilwinning Lodge of Perfection, Cedar Rapids, will confer the degrees during the month, about the 22nd.

Chicago Council Princes of Jerusalem held their 41st Annual Convocation January 14, 1897. Frank C. Roundy, 32°, Grand Master; Gil. W. Barnard, Grand Secretary.

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GRAND GATHERINGS.

GRAND LODGES MEET.

Iowa Oskaloosa, June 2, 1897.

GEO. W. BALL	Iowa City	GRAND MASTER
T. S. Parvin	Cedar Rapids	Grand Secretary

Nebraska, Lincoln, June 16, 1897.

HENRY H. WILSON	Lincoln	GRAND MASTER
Wm. R. Bowen	Omaha	Grand Secretary

South Dakota, Mitchell, June 8, 1897.

JAMES LEWIS	Canton	GRAND MASTER
Geo. A. Pettigrew	Flandreau	Grand Secretary

CONVOCATIONS, R. A. M.

General Grand (U. S.) Baltimore, Md., Oct. 12, 1897.
Iowa, Spirit Lake, July 22 1897.

MAX. BEEHLER	Manchester	GRAND HIGH PRIEST
Alf Wingate	Des Moines	Grand Secretary

Nebraska, Omaha, Dec. 17, 1897.

		GRAND HIGH PRIEST
George J. Spohn		Grand Secretary

South Dakota, Mitchell, June 10, 1897.

GEO. V. AYERS	Deadwood	GRAND HIGH PRIEST
Geo. A. Pettigrew.	Flandreau	Grand Secretary

CONCLAVES K. T.

Grand Encampment, Pitt-burg, Pa., Oct. 1898.
Iowa Grand, Templar Park, July 12, 1897.

T. R. ERCANBRACK	Anamosa	GRAND COMMANDER
Alf. Wingate	Des Moines	Grand Recorder

Nebraska, Lincoln, April 29, 1897.

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South Dakota, Mitchell, June 11, 1897.

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GRAND CHAPTERS O. E. S.

General Grand (U. S.) 1898.
Iowa, Cherokee, Oct. 27, 1897.

MRS. DELIA B. MEREDITH	Newton	GRAND MATRON
John Westley Geiger	Marion	Grand Patron
Mrs. Maria Jackson	Council Bluffs	Grand Recorder

Nebraska, Omaha, June 22, 1897.

MRS. HELEN H. STIRES	Columbus	GRAND MATRON
Rev. A. G. Pinkham	Grand Island	Grand Patron
Dr. Eleanor Dailey	Omaha	Grand Secretary

South Dakota, Sioux Falls, May 25, 1897.

MRS. W. H. RODDLE	Brookings	GRAND MATRON
M. G. Carlisle	De Smet	Grand Patron
Mrs. A. M. McCallister	Madison	Grand Secretary

THE MYSTIC SHRINE.

Imperial Council, Detroit, Mich., June 8-9 1897.
El-Kahir Temple, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

AUSTIN D. BROWN	Manchester	POTENTATE
John Westley Geiger	Marion	Recorder

Kaaba Temple, Davenport, Iowa.

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THE KINDLY WAY O' HIS'N.

CINCINNATI, O., Jany. 18, 1897.

REV. JNO. W. GEIGER,
Marion, Ia.,

My dear Brother:—I note the new form of the "Freemason and The Fez," and wish you all success in the continued publication of the paper. Advise me as to my indebtedness for the paper, and I will make prompt remittance. Your paper is so newsy and well edited that I do not see why the Masons of Iowa, Nebraska and the Dakotas do not give you a subscription list which will be a comfort to you and an honor to them. If some enthusiastic soul were to go around getting up a dollar subscription to buy some fellow a big diamond-studded jewel, he would find hundreds of Masons in Iowa who would "chip in" a dollar and consider themselves honored by being asked. Here is an enthusiastic and well informed Mason offering to call upon the fraternity twelve times a year with Masonic news for the same paltry sum of $1.00, and yet the dear brethern do not consider it worth their while to accept the offer.

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WM. B. MELISH,
Past Imperial Potentate,
Past Grand Master,
Past Grand Commander.

Past everything, I hope, except redemption.

We'll just now "chalk" our "Billy" for more than twa' years to come, and at the same time say that with a few thousand of such Shriners, we'd give them a "Fez" that would make their heads swim. That's no lie, and we'll be on deck to renew our courteous grand Willie's subscription, if we're alive—if not—Billy is a Methodist and knows where we expect to meet "in the sweet bye-and-bye."

Frequently news-notes of value are crowded over by arriving too late for use. The first of the month is none too early and the tenth is usually too late. Mark that down.

We have our ideal of a Masonic Magazine,—well edited, well classified, well illustrated, well made up, and, well, well heeled with well paying subscribers. Try us and see.

We take no issue with the assertion of a good brother that the Lodge department of this paper ought to stand first, and so it will, as fast as we can get the news and the subscribers.

KICKS! BIG KICKS!

My, how they rained upon our Shrine clothes, and all over our Masonic apron! "What made you do it." "It was so nice before"—and—well, no matter, we're not any happier in plain clothes and thin underwear than our friends; but say, why not take a bulk of our sure to pay, non-assessable, never-dying stock, in the shape of helping to put such a fiz on this journal in one year from now as will make you proud of us. It's the lack of the DOLLARS, and we can't run a hundred-cent magazine at seventy-five cents. So, there now, kick away. We're stuffed for this year, unless you knock it out with SUBSCRIBERS. See?

The Holy Bible is on the altars of the Lodges of Mexico. The Grand Dieta is working under a new Constitution and confines its subordinates to legitimate Masonry. The Scottish Rite bodies surrendered the right to organize lodges three months before the Grand Dieta was organized.

AN OLD BIBLE.

Among a collection of Masonic pamphlets received from Sister O. N. Williams, from Charles City, we received a copy of the Holy Bible of the date of 1625, a rare and well preserved work, which we have placed in the Iowa Masonic Library for preservation. Sister Williams is at 165 West 82d street, New York, at present.

A finely illustrated roster and historical sketch reaches us from Des Moines, Iowa, of the Scottish Rite bodies there, from the hand of Illustrious R. M. J. Coleman, 32°, Secretary and Registrar.

THE EASTERN STAR.

We regret our inability to attend the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin in the city of Milwaukee, Feb. 17-18, 1897.

We were sorry not to be able to attend the Installation of officers of Ascension Chapter 158, Eldora, on Jan. 19.

The Grand Matron has instituted new Chapters at New Virginia, Denison and Greely. Sister Adamson instituted one at Storm Lake, Jan. 22. Plans are working for a number of new Chapters soon. "Eight or nine other places," says the Grand Matron.

An hour between trains was spent with the Grand Matron talking over plans of work and necessary decisions of points of law lately.

Ruth Chapter, No. 155, O. E. S., Grundy Center, Ia., elected the following officers: Mrs. Lydia Crouse, W. M.; Chas. W. Reynolds, W. P.; Mrs. Libbie Cutts, A. M.; Mrs. Pauline Ivins, Treasurer; Mrs. Helen E. Allison, Secretary; Mrs. Frances Wilson, Conductress; Mrs. Mina Wilson, Asst. Cond.; Mrs. Anna Lynn, Adah; Miss Agnes King, Ruth; Miss Alice Serville, Esther; Mrs. Emma J. Beckman, Martha; Miss Etta Mills, Electa; Mrs. Mary Lillibridge, Warder; Mr. U. H. Eaton, Sentinel; Mrs. Laura A. Knapp, Chaplain; Mrs. Cornelia Bourne, Marshal; Miss Margie DuBois, Organist.

Officers Julien Chapter O. E. S. No. 125, for 1879 are: Mrs. Anna Cooley, W. M.; Henry Trenk, W. P.; Miss Lizzie Dirsch, A. M.; Mrs. Calahan, Secretary; Mrs. Lena Herman, Treasurer; Mrs. Anna Baynes, Conductress; Miss Louise Pitschner, Asst. Cond.; Mrs. Blewit, Chaplain; Mrs. Pollock, Adah; Mrs. Grim, Ruth; Mrs. Mary Trenk, Esther; Miss Carrie Dennert, Martha; Mrs. Brown, Electa; Mrs. Ruegnitz, Organist; Mrs. Mary Richmond, Marshal; Mrs. Graham, Warder; A. Nelson, Sentinel. Peace and harmony prevail, good attendance, and while we do not increase fast they manage to hold their own.

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The reception and "Fraternal Watch Meeting" given by Waterloo Chapter No. 128, O. E. S., New Year's eve, in honor of the Masons of the city, was voted by all who participated one of the most enjoyable of the many pleasant gatherings for which old Masonic Hall is famous.

The evening was decidedly inauspicious, a heavy rain commencing to fall at dusk and continuing throughout the evening, but before 9 o'clock the reception committee, consisting of the out-going officers of the Chapter, had the pleasure of welcoming a goodly number, and the hall presented a pleasing panorama of bright costumes and smiling faces, all seeming bent on realizing the most enjoyment possible in the few hours of old eighteen hundred and ninety-six remaining.

The reception room and parlors were brilliantly illuminated and tastefully decorated with potted plants, bright ribbons and bunting, draperies of wreaths of evergreen, mottoes of welcome, and cut flowers. In a nook curtained with a veil of evergreen some of the fair young sisters dispensed frappe, and from another corner came sweet strains of music from the orchestra. At about 10 o'clock the doors of the banquet hall were opened, disclosing the tables with covers laid for about two hundred and fifty, sparkling with glass and silver, arrayed with dainty doylies and cut flowers, and in the center of each table a miniature lake of ice wreathed with carnations, and supplied as well with all the substantials and dainties always so thoroughly appreciated by our brothers of the Ancient Order. The menu cards, in the form of a star, daintily painted in water colors, with a knot of ribbons presenting the colors of the order, tied in one point, bearing on one side the name of the Chapter and date, and on the other the menu, formed a pretty little souvenir of the occasion.

The banquet was served in courses, and was most fully enjoyed by all until the little cuckoo clock on the central table rang the alarm recalling to our minds that only ten minutes of the old year remained. Voices were hushed, and all quietly waited until

"Now in the end of the flying year,
Year that to morrow will not be here,
Swiftly and surely, from starry walls,
Silently downward the curtain falls."

But we were presently reminded, as "low twelve" was sounded from a far away closed room sacred to Masonic mysteries, that another "waiteth at the door,"

"There's a new foot on the floor, my friend,
And a new face at the door, my friend,
A new face at the door."

The trowel is an instrument made use of by operative Masons to spread the cement that unites a building into one common mass. Masonic history informs us that Free and Accepted Masons are taught to use it "for the more noble and glorious purpose of spreading the cement of brotherly love and affection—that cement that unites into one sacred band, or society of friends and brothers, among whom no contention should ever exist but that noble contention, or rather emulation, of who best can work, or rather best agree."

We hope that gatherings of this kind may prove for us a trowel, to cement even more closely the fraternal ties existing among the Masonic builders of our city, and that in the completed structure a block may be found worthy of place which shall bear as an inscription the name of the order dedicated to "Charity, Truth, and Loving Kindess." KATE C. BRECHNER.

Again Le Mars Chapter No. 70, "bobs up serenely" with a word for the prosperity of our beloved Order. At our last regular meeting the following officers were elected for the year 1897: Sister M. E. Bush, W. M.; Thos. Adamson, W. P.; Sister R. R. Hammond, Associate Matron; Sister Padmore, Secretary; Sister Whitney, Treasurer. Installation to occur at our regular meeting in January. We cannot help looking forward to a prosperous and happy year with such an efficient corps of officers. When the question "anything for the good of the order?" was asked, the following motion was made and accepted:

"I propose a peanut party, and perforce of previous preparation on the part of the pilgrims of the Eastern Star persuasion, that said peanut party be prepared to be promulgated at the pretty parlors of said people's Chapter rooms on Monday evening of next week, and that under no condition it be promptly or properly postponed, but that it be precipitated upon the patient Masonic public precisely one week prior to the week following the published period, namely Monday of next week. Meantime persons precious to us will be petitioned to prepare to partake of the palatable and properly prepared provender provided by the popular and praise-worthy people of the aforesaid chapter; furthermore that the projector of this peanut party be not prodded or

picked upon for preparing and proposing this phunny paragraph, which was prepared particularly for the occasion, but that it be said by persons interested in same that it was presented to the chapter publicly in a private room by a peaceable person, whose perennial predilections for punning puts her in the past permanently; it is to be presumed, said person also proposing that the aforesaid perfect peanut mentioned enter plentifully into the provender provided and promised for this particular program, and furthermore that the prayer of the petitioner of this project be pushed to a point and we be permitted to participate in making it a pleasant party for pastime. All persons present at this period are presumed to come provided with a pun, prepared and patterned after no other, under penalty of paying a price in pence, same to be used in paying for possum, pigsfeet, partridges, pickles, and other things promiscuous.

The Matron being asked to state the motion as read, (and of course complying) it was accepted and an enjoyable evening gained.

St. John's Day was celebrated jointly by Blue Lodge of Masons and Eastern Star Chapter O. E. S., by a 6 o'clock supper, to which an even one hundred sat down, not counting the waiters, of whom there are a good many, as they always like to eat with the cook, (at least that is the excuse offered). Miss Hildebrand, our organist, officiated at the organ in the grand march, all falling in line and marching to the table, where, remaining standing, "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow" was sung in unison. After supper the toasts "Masonic Fraternity," "St. John's Day," and "Our Social Side as Members of Secret Societies," were given, after which we repaired to the main room for a short programme, a social time and then "Home, Sweet Home."

A GOOD SUGGESTION.

Sister O. N. Williams describes an interesting feature at the opening of an Eastern Star Chapter: "When the officers enter the Chapter room they find the Marshall waiting for them just in front of the Associate Matron's station; then she heads the procession until she reaches Esther's station, where she turns and waves to the other officers to divide and march as usual. Then the Patron says: "Sister Marshall, conduct the Worthy Matron to the East," and the Associate Matron to the West. She then returns to her place in front of the Associate Matron, and acts as directed with the other officers."

THE MYSTIC SHRINE.

Read Imperial Billy's letter, Nobles, then do something like he did.

"The camels are moving." The Indian plague does not affect them.

Notices of meetings have been received from El-Katif, Kora, Lulu, Morocco, Rajah Temples.

Zem Zem Temple, Erie, Pa., gave a grand charity ball Jan. 21, and Noble H. C. Alverson was there.

The "reform" breeze must have struck in several places, judging from the looks of the "plug hats"—"after the bawl."

Moslem, Detroit, gave a grand ball New Year's eve, and of course it was a success. W. M. Bailey is the genial Recorder.

Elections are over in the Temples, now for business and pleasure. Bring them in, "these poor sons of the desert," and make 'em Noble.

Our thanks are due to Past Imperial Potentate, W. B. Melish, for the list of "Prominent Shriners in Congress." After March 4th, you can write it in that the President is a Shriner. Let Rome howl!

El-Jebel, Denver, had 771 members Dec. 1, 1896, a decrease of 14. They suspended as many as they created, 64. Their income was $4,407.69 and the out-go $4,211.09. Cash on hand $196.60. They will hold a meeting this month.

Mt. Sinai, Montpelier, Vt., had the Imperial Potentate with them Jan. 22. They now have over 500 members. Their working paraphernalia is of the best, and their work is good. Charley Heaton is continued as Recorder.

Ararat, Kansas City, had a "ladies' night" Jan. 13, and a ceremonial session Jan. 27. Their membership has grown from 697 to 786 in the past year. Their income was $3,697.90, and they paid out $2,375.76. Arnold Shanklin continues to wield the pen.

Medinah Temple has a membership of 2326. Their total income last year was $16,616.18. They had on hand last year $1,227.65. Total disbursements this year $17,574.14. They have some investments in Medinah Temple stock, and they're all right.

Doc. Ellison, Recorder of Mecca, wants EVERYTHING YOU PRINT. Fire all to 266, w 43d St., New York.

THE LAW INTERPRETED.

JANUARY 12th, 1897.

JOHN WESTLEY GEIGER,
Recorder El-Kahir Temple,
Marion, Iowa.,

Illustrious and Dear Noble: I am in receipt of your communication of the 9th inst. wherein you ask advice on the following points, viz:

1st—Does the suspension of a Knight Templar by his Commandery for non-payment of dues cause his suspension in the Shrine?

2d—If it does, does his suspension by his Commandery because he has been suspended by his R. A. Chapter, affect his standing in the Shrine? and,

3d—In any case is the suspension with or without the action of the Temple?

To the first query I answer, *It does.* See page 19 under head of "good standing in prerequisite bodies necessary."

Regarding the second question I auswer *It does*, because the law says he is required to keep himself in good standing in the *bodies* prerequisite to this order; and as to the third question I would state that it is clearly *without* the action of the Temple. Where a Noble has been suspended by either Commandery or Consistory it is the duty of the proper official of his Temple to cause him to be suspended in the Shrine as soon as properly accredited information to that effect comes to his possession; reporting his action to the Temple at the first meeting thereafter, simply for their information.

All controversy over the word "offense" is avoided in our Order by the laws as adopted by the Imperial Council at Cleveland in June last, which simply but strongly say, a Noble must keep himself in good standing, etc., and when the Commandery or Consistory record says "suspended" it is not in our province to go at all behind the record, but to suspend him from all the rights and privileges of the Shrine.

Yours in the Faith,
HARRISON DINGMAN,
Imperial Potentate.

Notice come from the Imperial Recorder of the Imperial Council neeting. Headquarters at the Russell House, Detroit. Noble E. R. Harris, 256 Lafayette Ave., Chairman Hotel Committee.

PROMINENT SHRINERS IN CONGRESS.

The following Senators and Representatives of the Congress of the United States are Masons and Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. They frequently attend the meetings of Alma's Temple N. M. S., of Washington, of which Imperial Potentate Harrison Dingman, is still the presiding genius.

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Imperial Recorder Rowell sends out a neat directory of Temples, officers and representatives under date of Feb. 1, 1897.

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